

Senate Resolution 648

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st, Thompson of the 33rd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring January 7, 2006, as Betty L. Siegel Day in Georgia; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Betty L. Siegel, Ph.D. is the first woman to head an institution in the 34 unit
3 University System of Georgia and the longest serving woman university president in the
4 nation; and

5 WHEREAS, under Dr. Siegel's leadership Kennesaw State University has flourished,
6 growing from a four-year college enrollment of 4,000 students and 15 baccalaureate degree
7 programs to its current university status with enrollment exceeding 18,000 students and 55
8 undergraduate and graduate degree programs; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Siegel's commitment to community service has benefited the state not only
10 in the area of education, but also in business as she has served on many corporate and
11 community service boards and was the first woman and the first educator to hold the top
12 leadership position as chairperson of the board of directors of the Cobb Chamber of
13 Commerce, one of the country's largest chambers of commerce, during the year the Olympic
14 Games were held in Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this remarkable individual are worthy of recognition.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that on the occasion of her
17 25th anniversary as president of Georgia's third largest and fastest growing institution of
18 higher education, January 7, 2006, is declared to be Betty L. Siegel Day in Georgia in
19 recognition of Dr. Betty L. Siegel's leadership in higher education, her dynamic tenure at
20 Kennesaw State University, and her service to the State of Georgia.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. Betty L. Siegel.